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SUBJ: HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION (HRC) - CHILE

1. HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION ADOPTED RESOLUTION ON CHILE SIMILAR OF THAT TO GENERALASSEMBLY BY VOTE OF 26(US)-2(PANAMA, URUGUAY)-4(EGYPT, JORDAN, LEBANON, PERU). EARLIER COMMISSION DECIDED BY CONSENSUS TO SEND TELEGRAM TO GOC ASKING FOR RELEASE ON HUMANITARIAN BASIS OF CERTAIN LONG-DETAINED PRISONERS. US EXPLANATION OF VOTE SENT SEPTEL.

2. THE MAIN CHARACTERISTIC OF THIS ITEM'S CONSIDERATION WAS ITS PREDICTABILITY. IN THE GENERAL DEBATE, SOVIETS AND THEIR FRIENDS PERSISTENTLY HAMMERED AWAY AT CHILE; SPEECHES BY WESTERN DELS REFLECTED PUBLIC OPINION AT HOME THAT GOC MUST IMPROVE ITS RECORD ON HUMAN RIGHTS; MEMBERS OF AD HOC WORKING GROUP FOLLOWED LEAD OF ITS CHAIRMAN ALLANA (PAKISTAN), IN DEFENDING VALIDITY OF GROUPS REPORT; AND, AMB DIEZ OF CHILE DELIVERED A LONG AND ARTICULATE DEFENSE OF CHILE IN WHICH, HOWEVER, HE FAILED TO ADDRESS THE CRUCIAL QUESTION OF TORTURE WITH ANY EFFECT.

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3. IN CLOSING MINUTES OF DISCUSSION THE
BRITISH REP (UNWIN) DISCUSSED HINT IN REMARKS OF CHILE
THAT IT MAY YET BE POSSIBLE FOR AD HOC WORKING
GROUP AND CHILE TO FIND MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE PRECEDURES
FOR FUTURE WORK OF GROUP. IN CONCILIATORY TONE,
CHAIRMAN OF WORKING GROUP STRESSED HIS WILLINGNESS TO
ATTEMPT TO ESTABLISH THIS RELATIONSHIP THROUGH
INFORMAL CONTACTS WITH GOC. THIS EXCHANGE OF REMARKS
GAVE IMPRESSION THAT CHILEANS HAD ADVANCE NOTICE.DALE

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